



Joshua Independent School District

Criteria for HB 5: Evaluation of Performance in Community and Student Engagement

Overview

What is House Bill 5?

House Bill 5 (HB 5) of the 83rd Texas Legislature Regular Session added Section 39.0545 to the Texas Education Code (TEC). TEC § 39.0545 requires that each school district assign ratings of exemplary, recognized, acceptable, or unacceptable for the district and for each campus on both overall performance and each of nine domains.

On which nine domains will the district and campuses be evaluated?

The following domains will be evaluated and a rating will be assigned to each factor. An overall rating for the district and each campus must also be assigned.

1. Fine arts
2. Wellness and physical education
3. Community and parental involvement
4. The 21st Century Workforce Development program
5. The second language acquisition program
6. The digital learning environment
7. Dropout prevention strategies
8. Educational programs for gifted and talented students
9. The record of the district and each campus regarding compliance with statutory reporting requirements

When will this take effect?

This law applies beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Ratings must be reported to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by August 8th.

What are the rating labels for each domain?

Rating labels for domains 1 through 8 and for the overall campus/district rating are: Exemplary, Recognized, Acceptable, Unacceptable or Not Applicable. A rating label of Yes or No will be assigned for Factor 9, compliance with statutory reporting requirements.

Who will determine the rating criteria and indicators?

Statute does not permit TEA to determine the criteria for these evaluations; criteria are to be developed by a local committee. Joshua ISD formed a local committee that included teachers, campus administrators, central office administrators, parents, and community members. These committees met throughout the school year at the campus and district level to evaluate the 8 domains. The District Owl Pride Committee met in May to finalize each campus and district rating.